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WEEKLY REPORT NO. 19 (3-26 THRU 4-1-76)

1. SUMMARY

A TOTAL OF 897 OPIUM FIELDS WERE DESTROYED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD OF WHICH 749 WERE DESTROYED BY THE USE OF HERBICIDES; AND 887 WERE DESTROYED IN ZONE I. A TOTAL OF 17,974 OPIUM FIELDS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AS OF THIS REPORTING PERIOD WHICH REPRESENTS 4 TONS 801 KILOGRAMS OF PURE HEROIN. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

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FIELDS DESTROYED - 749

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,741,567

PLANTS DESTROYED - 44,676,483

HECTARES - 174.2

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 138

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 303,770

PLANTS DESTROYED - 35,303,450

HECTARES DESTROYED - 30.4

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 53

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 171,400

PLANTS DESTROYED - 3,317,000

HECTARES - 17.4

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 69

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 75,891

PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,326,820

HECTARES - 7.6

ZONE II- STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,
ZACATECAS, AND MICHOACAN.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - NONE.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 10

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 20,000

HECTARSS - 2

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - NONE.

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 4

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 13,600

PLANTS DESTROYED - 136,000

HECTARES - 1.4

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 67

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 70,000

PLANTS DESTROYED - 950,000

HECTARES - 7.0

CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL THREE ZONES)

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OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 14,292

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 36,265,193

HECTARES - 3,626.5

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 3,683

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 11,748,183

PLANTS DESTROYED - 152,009,038

HECTARES - 1,174.8

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,217

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 3,783,258

HECTARES - 378.33

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,493

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 4,599,998

PLANTS DESTROYED - 106,479,782

HECTARES - 460

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

SAME AS LAST REPORT.

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS:

REPORTING PERIOD: 25 THRU 31 MAR 1976

1. AG AIRCRAFT HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY:

A. MODEL 212: 73:18 HRS/MINS FLOWN.

AVAILABILITY: 65.5 PERCENT

NOTE: NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN BY MICR

OFOIL EQUIPPED UNITS:

21:48 HRS/MINS.

B. MODEL 206-B: 31:06 HRS/MINS FLOWN.

AVAILABILITY: 58.6 PERCENT

NOTE: NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN BY SIMPLEX II UNITS: 18:30 HRS/MINS

C. CESSNA 185: 29:42 HRS/MINS.

AVAILABILITY: 83.3 PERCENT

D. AERO COMMANDERS: 12:30 HRS/MINS FLOWN.

AVAILABILITY: 85.6 PERCENT

E. PORTER STOL: 00

AVAILABILITY: 00

NOTE: XC-BIC DOWN IN CULIACAN AWAITING FAIRCHILD MECHANIC.

F. CESSNA CITATION: 10:06 HRS/MINS FLOWN.

AVAILABILITY: 100 PERCENT

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NOTE: TOTAL TIME REPORTED FOR THIS PERIOD IS NOT A COMPLETE INDICATION OF AG AERO SERVICES ACTIVITIES AS BOTH THE BHC TECHNICIAN AND HIS COUNTERPART, WHO ARE CHARGED WITH COMPILING TIMES AT MEXICO CITY HANGAR, ARE PRESENTLY ON TDY IN CULIACAN.

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2. MAINTENANCE:

LT PLATA EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL DURING THE INTENSIFIED ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. HE FEELS THEY HAVE ACQUIRED INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THE U.S. AND COLOMBIAN MECHANICS ON THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE INTENSIVE FIELD OPERATIONS. LT PLATA JUDGES THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE VERY RUDIMENTARY FACILITIES AT THE CULIACAN AIRPORT. DURING THE INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN IN CY 74-75 AND IN CY 75-76, S/NM FUNDS MANAGED BY U.S. PERSONNEL WERE USED TO PROVIDE LOCALLY MANUFACTURED STANDS, FRAMES, WORK BENCHES, ETC, ESSENTIAL TO A FIELD MAINTENANCE OPERATION. THE ACQUISITION OF SURPLUS USG TRAILERS AND VANS FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE REMAINS AN IMPERATIVE GIVEN THE MOBILITY OF THE SPRAY TASK FORCES WHICH CAN BE DEPLOYED ON SHORT NOTICE. IT FOLLOWS THAT MAINTENANCE SHOULD HAVE MOBILITY.

3. STOL TRAINING:

FAIRCHILD TECHNICAL GUEVARA RETURNED TO CULIACAN ON 28 MARCH TO PERFORM REPAIRS ON XC-BIC IN CONFORMITY WITH DEFICIENCIES NOTED PREVIOUSLY BY DEA INSTRUCTOR/PILOT KENT. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOLLOWING WEEK, KENT DISQUALIFIED HIMSELF FROM PROVIDING THE INSTRUCTION FOR THE AG TRAINEES. HE EXPLAINED HE HAD NOT BEEN APPRISED FULLY ON THE EXTENT OF TRAINING TO BE PROVIDED AND THE LEVEL OF THE TRAINEES. NAU IS CURRENTLY MAKING UNOF-

FICIAL CONTACTS WITH U.S. INSTRUCTOR/PILOTS TO PASS ON TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION AND IMMEDIATE ACTION. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE TRAINING CONDUCTED ASAP IN ORDER TO COMMIT THE STOL TO TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND TO COMPILE USAGE DATA.

G. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. OLD COMMUNICATIONS TRANSCEIVERS WHICH WERE REPLACED BY THE NEW EQUIPMENT PROVIDED UNDER THE JOINT USG/GOM PROJECT ARE BEING RETURNED FROM THE FIELD FOR REHABILITATION. THESE TRANSCEIVERS WILL THEN BE USED IN LESS CRITICAL APPLICATIONS SUBH AS STAND-BYS OR FOR SPARES.

2. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS DESIGNATED FIVE AG TECHNICIANS TO ATTEND THE THREE-WEEK TRAINING COURSE (SPANISH LANGUAGE) COMMENCING ON/ABOUT 1 MAY 1976, TO BE CONDUCTED IN CONUS BY THE SOUTHCOM FACTORY. THE TARGET DATE WAS PREDICTED ON AN ANTICIPATED SLACK PERIOD BETWEEN INTENSIFIED AND NORMAL PORTION OF ERADICATITCNCAMPAIGN. TRAINING CURRICULUM REVIEWED AND AGREED BY AG SENIOR STAFF. SELECTION OF FOLLOWING PARTICIPANTS HAS COORDINATED WITH AND APPROVED BY INC/W TELECOM ADVISOR PRESENTLY ON TDY STATUS. TRAVEL AND PER DIEM TO BE PROVIDED BY GOM/AG OFFICE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS IN CONFORMITY WITH LETTER OF AGREEMENT OF JUNE 25, 1975.

3. GSA/W WAS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE PROCUREMENT ACTION, INITIATED IN JANUARY, OF SIX HF-SSB ONE KILOWATT RADIO FREQUENCY (RF) AMPLIFIERS TO BE USED WITH THE 150-WATT TRANSCEIVERS PRESENTLY IN COUNTRY. SEVERAL WILL BE UTILIZED IN EXISTING STATIONS AT MEXICO CITY AND CULIACAN. THIS INCREASE IN TRANSCEIVERS RF POWER OUTPUT IS EXPECTED TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATIONS RELIABILITY CONSIDERABLY. THE REMAINDER OF THE RF AMPLIFIERS WILL BE INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT PLAN.

H. HERBICIDES:

1. SPARY OPERATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO THE AREAS NORTH OF SAN JOSE WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO BELL MICROFOIL UNITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND TWO OTHER BELL 212'S AS COVER UNITS. THE GROUND AND AIR CREWS ARE NOW STATIONED AT THE ADVANCE BASE AT SAN JOSE DEL LLANO.

2. A MODEL 212 MICROFOIL EQUIPPED UNIT (XC-BET) CRASHED DURING AN ATTEMPTED SLING LOAD LANDING IN THE VICINITY OF SAN JOSE DEL LLANO ON MARCH 29, 1976. NO INJURIES. MAJOR AIRCRAFT DAMAGE. SUBJECT OF SEPTELS.

3. ANOTHER BELL 212 MICROVOIL EQUIPPED UNIT EXPERIENCED A WIRE STRIKE WHICH DAMAGED THE BOOM. THE BOOM WAS REPAIRED AND IS BACK IN SERVICE; HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THE WIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY PLACED ACROSS THE POPPY FIELD TO

HINDER, IF NOT PREVENT, AERIAL SPRAYING.

4. ZONE 1 WAS SHORT OF CHEMICAL FOR A SHORT PERIOD BUT THEY HAVE SINCE RECEIVED A LARGE SHIPMENT OF DOW AMINA (2-4-D).

5. RUMORS HAD BEEN RIFE ON THE RESIGNATION OF SPRAY PILOT TED LEOPOLD BUT THESE HAVE BEEN REFUTED AS LEOPOLD REPORT-EDLY RESOLVED HIS PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND RETURNED TO WORK AT THE ADVANCE BASE IN TOPIA.

6. DEA PILOTS FLYING THEIR AIRCRAFT COMPLETED THE 30 PERCENT RANDOM VISUAL SAMPLING IN THE ZONE 1 AREA. COMPIL-ATION OF THEIR FINDINGS WILL START THE FOLLOWING WEEK; HOW-EVER, IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT, THEY PLAN TO CONTINUE THE SURVEY IN AN EFFORT TO ATTAIN 100 PERCENT COVERAGE.

7. TEN ADDITIONAL ROLLAGONS (FUEL BLADDERS) HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SPRAY TASK FORCE AT CULIACAN FOR A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN. THE FAST RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST IS ATTRIBUTED TO INC/W PROCUREMENT AND COORDINATION WITH DEA/W ON THE DELIVERY VIA DEA AIRCRAFT DIRECT TO CULIACAN.

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F. MOPSS AND OTHER SYSTEMS

1. OPERATION AND TRAINING

A. THE FOLLOWING CHART SUMMARIZES MOPS MULTISPECTRAL (MS) ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD 25 MARCH TO 31 MARCH 1976 INCLUSIVE. ALL

DATE ARE BASED ON BEST INFORMATION AT THE TIME OF COMPILATION:

DATE	MISSION	TARGET AREA	TIME ON	LIVE	PROB-	ABLES
3-22	80 &	RIO VERDE, CHIH.	1:07	11	2	
3-22	81	S. OF MESA LARGA	1:07	18	5	
3-23	82 &	RIO VERDE, CHIH.	0:17	5	0	
3-23	83 &	S. OF MESA LARGA	1:17	11	5	
3-24	84 &	S. OF MESA LARGA	1:06	33	19	
3-25	85	S. OF MESA LARGA	0:29	16	4	
3-25	86	SEE NOTE 3	---	---	---	
3-30	87	N. DEL VERGEL				INTERPRETATION NOT COMPLETED
3-31	88	N. DEL VERGEL	1:00			INTERPRETATION NOT COMPLETED

(&). NOTE:

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(1) ALL MISSIONS AFTER #66 WERE VERIFICATION OF ERADICATION MISSIONS. THIS EXPLAINS THE LOW NUMBER OF FIELDS FOUND.

(2) ALL MISSIONS NOTED WITH AN & WERE FLOWN DURING PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD. CARTOGRAPHY AND INTERPRETATION WERE COMPLETED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(3) BECAUSE OF AN IMPROPERLY LOADED CAMERA MAGAZINE, NO MS PHOTOGRAPHS WERE OBTAINED FROM THIS MISSION 86. THE AREA WILL BE REFLOWN IN MISSION 87 UNING ONLY AN MS CAMERA.

(4) WEATHER CONDITIONS, 25 MARCH THRU 29 MARCH, PROHIBITED PHOTO RECON. ALTHOUGH MISSIONS WERE MOUNTED, THEY WERE ABORTED DUE TO SKY CONDITIONS.

B. MOPS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO HELICOPTER ERADICATION UNITS FOR CARTOGRAPHIC AND MOSAIC INTERPRETATION. ALTHOUGH THIS ASSURED THE USE OF MOPS GENERATED INTELLIGENCE, THE REDUCED NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PERSONNEL SLOWS THE MOPS SYSTEM REACTION TIME.

THREE MOPS TEAM MEMBERS WERE SENT TO SAN JOSE DEL LAANO AREA AND ONE MAN WAS SENT TO THE COSALA AREA. THIS COST THE MOPS EFFORT 24 MAN DAYS DURING THIS PERIOD. ON RETURNING FROM THE FIELD THE PERSONS INVOLVED REPORTED THAT THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED WAS BOTH USEFUL AND ACCURATE. THEY ALSO NOTED THAT THERE IS A REQUIREMENT FOR COORDINATION BETWEEN MOPS ACTIVITY AND THE ERADICATION PROGRAM, ON THE PLANNING LEVEL.

C. EASTMAN KODAK FILM TYPE SO-289 IS UNDERGOING PHOTO LAB AND AIRCRAFT TESTING. THIS IS BEING DONE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE TO THE PRIMARY MOPS OBJECTIVES. THE MATERIAL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE WORKING SYSTEM DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

2. PROBLEMS:

A. PAYROLL ERRORS HAVE CAUSED GENERAL DISSATISFACTION ON THE PART OF MOPS TEAM MEMBERS. THE CONSENSUS IS THAT THE HIERARCHY IN MEXICO CITY IS INSENSITIVE TO PERSONAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE ERRORS.

B. THE PRACTICE OF ROTATING PERSONNEL ON A 20-WORKING DAY, 10 DAY OFF BASIS, HAS CAUSED A LOSS OF AIRCRAFT TIME BECAUSE NO REPLACEMENT PILOT IS AVAILABLE FOR LUIS PACHECO WHO IS SUFFERING FROM A SORE THROATE.
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C. THE SINGLE SIDE BAND RADIO TRANSCEIVER HAS BECOME VERY NOISY. THE PROBLEM WAS ISOLATED TO A DEFECTIVE BATTERY CHARGER ON THE DFH COMMUNICATIONS UNITS. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT THE CHARGER BE ONPLUGGED DURING SINGLE SIDE BAND TRANSMISSIONS. THIS SOLUTION IS UNPRACTICAL, THE NOISE IS VERY DISTRACTING AND IF THE CHARGER IS LEFT UNPLUGGED, THE DHF UNIT WILL NOT FUNCTION.

D. THE CABIN HEATER IN AIRCRAFT XC-GOZ IS STILL NOT WORKING. THIS LIMITS THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT TO LOW ALTITUDE MISSIONS.

3. INTERDICTION

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO AND CHIHUAHUA.

9 KILOGRAMS 600 GRAMS OPIUM
5 TONS 296 KILOGRAMS 840 GRAMS MARIHUANA
21 LITERS HASHISH
3 AUTOMOBILES
2 CAMPERS
1 TRUCK
2 STATION WAGONS
36 WEAPONS
12 STICKS OF DYNAMITE
1,279 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
58 DEFENDANTS (4 AMERICANS)

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

60 DOSAGE UNITS BARBITURATES
2 TONS 193 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA
2 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA SEED
1 MARIHUANA PRESS
1 HYDRAULIC JACK
2 WEAPONS
16 DEFENDANTS (1 AMERICAN)
300 METERS IRRIGATION HOSE

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA.

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800 KILOGRAMS 475 GRAMS MARIHUANA

1 AIRCRAFT

10 WEAPONS

267 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

3 DEFENDANTS (1 AMERICAN)

3000 METERS IRRIGATION HOSE

TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL THREE ZONES)

90 KILOGRAMS 167 GRAMS HEROIN

215 KILOGRAMS 500 GRAMS OPIUM GUM

23 KILOGRAMS 677 GRAMS OPIUM POPPY SEED

2 OPIUM PRESSES

220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE

11 CONVERSION LABORATORIES

21 KILOGRAMS 928 GRAMS COCAINE

4,040,000 DOSAGE UNITS MINI-BENNIES

23 GRAMS BENZEDRINE

122,500 DOSAGE UNITS BENZEDRINE TABLETS

5 DOSAGE UNITS LSD

30 DOSAGE UNITS BEXEDRINE

422 DOSAGE UNITS OTHER ASSORTED DANGEROUS DRUGS

6 PILL PRESSES

1 KILOGRAM 360 GRAMS PEYOTE

185 DOSAGE UNITS AMPHETAMINES

550 DOSAGE UNITS MANDRAX PILLS

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600 KILOGRAMS SECOBARBITOL

15,500,000 DOSAGE UNITS SECOBARBITOL

15,500,000 EMPTY CAPSULES

11 KILOGRAMS ADDITIVES FOR PILLS

1 SECOBARBITOL LABORATORY

6 KILOGRAMS 31 GRAMS HASHISH

21 LITERS HASHISH OIL

193 TONS 949 KILOGRAMS 913 GRAMS MARIHUANA

337 KILOGRAMS 890 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEED

11 MARIHUANA PRESSES

30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS

5 VESSELS

202 AUTOMOBILES

14 STATION WAGONS

5 CAMPERS

30 TRUCKS

4 TRAILER TRUCKS

27 AIRCRAFT

1,286 DEFENDANTS

37 PAIR HANDCUFFS

644 WEAPONS

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198,804 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

25 AR-15 CLIPS

388 STICKS OF DYNAMITE

5-200 LITER DRUMS OF AVIATION FUEL

9,600 METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE

4 PUMPS

3.5 LITERS OF ACETONE

1 CARTON PLASTIC BAGS

1 ROLL PLASTIC BAGS

10 HYDRAULIC JACKS

22 BEASTS OF BURDEN

15,500 COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS

50,900 U.S. DOLLARS

B. USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES

MOBILE INTERDICTION VEHICLES BASED OUT OF CULIACAN, MONTERREY, GUADALAJARA, URUAPAN AND SAN LUIS POTOSI MAINTAIN ROVING ROAD-BLOCK ACTIVITIES AND THE PRESENCE OF MFJP VIGILANCE FOR NARCOTIC SMUGGLING. THUS FAR ONLY INSIGNIFICANT SEIZURES HAVE BEEN MADE.

G. MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

WEATHER CONDITIONS, I.E., LACK OF RAINFALL AND DRY CREEKS, HAVE PREVENTED THE MASS GROWING OF OPIUM AS A RETALIATORY APPROACH TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HERBICIDE SPRAYING. DEA SOURCES REPORT A DEFINITE SHORTAGE OF OPIUM IN ALL THREE ZONES. IT IS ONLY IN ZONE I THAT WE STILL FIND SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OPIUM FIELDS BEING GROWN, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEING IRRIGATED, BUT LACK OF WATER IS PREVENTING A HEALTHY CROP.

4. COMMENTS

THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES INDICATES THAT THE MEXICAN INTENSIFIED OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THE OPIUM PRODUCTION IN MEXICO. TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION FIELDS NOT DESTROYED PRIOR TO HARVEST, THOSE NOT LOCATED, AND THOSE FIELDS THAT WERE HARVESTED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS CAMPAIGN, WE NOW ESTIMATE THAT GOM WILL BE ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE FROM THE MARKET APPROXIMATELY 65 PERCENT

OF THE OPIUM PRODUCED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1975 THRU MAY 1976. A FOLLOW THROUGH BY GOM DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER THROUGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOVEMBER 1976 WOULD FURTHER RAISE THIS PERCENTAGE FIGURE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976 TO APPROXIMATELY 75 TO 80 PERCENT. THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD GO INTO 1977 WELL ADVANCED IN THEIR ERADICATION BY HERBICIDE SPRAYING TECHNIQUES AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE. THIS EXPERIENCE, BARRING NO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, COULD CREATE ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR GOM ON OPIUM DESTRUCTION WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE A DIRECT AND SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN IN THE UNITED STATES.
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